FROM THE NOTEBOOK OF BEN URICH:

It's bad enough that I wake up every morning and remember that Norman Osborn is in charge of "protecting" the nation, but even I can't believe how far he has gone now. I'm sure he's behind the group of government-sponsored "heroes" that attacked the Asgardian god Volstagg in Chicago, resulting in thousands of deaths, and now he's used this tragedy as an excuse to launch an attack on Asgard itself.

My old news buddy Will Stern helped me get to Chicago to witness the destruction firsthand, and from there we embarked on a trip to Oklahoma, picking up Volstagg on our way. We hit a H.A.M.M.E.R. roadblock outside Oklahoma City and Volstagg made a run for it, but Will and I ended up in handcuffs.

Will picked the locks on the cuffs and I managed to find my way onto a H.A.M.M.E.R. aircraft heading right into the heart of the conflict - alongside Todd Keller, the conservative news pundit who has been spouting off whatever Osborn says like it's the gospel truth.

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Our flight hit some turbulence when Venom crashed into our ship and turned it into his own personal all-you-can-eat buffet. Against my better judgment, I kept Venom from devouring Keller as we crashed into the heart of Asgard. As a way of thanking me, Keller held me at gunpoint and forced me to help him broadcast from the wreckage. But the ground began shaking underfoot and the whole city started coming down around us...

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ASGARD...
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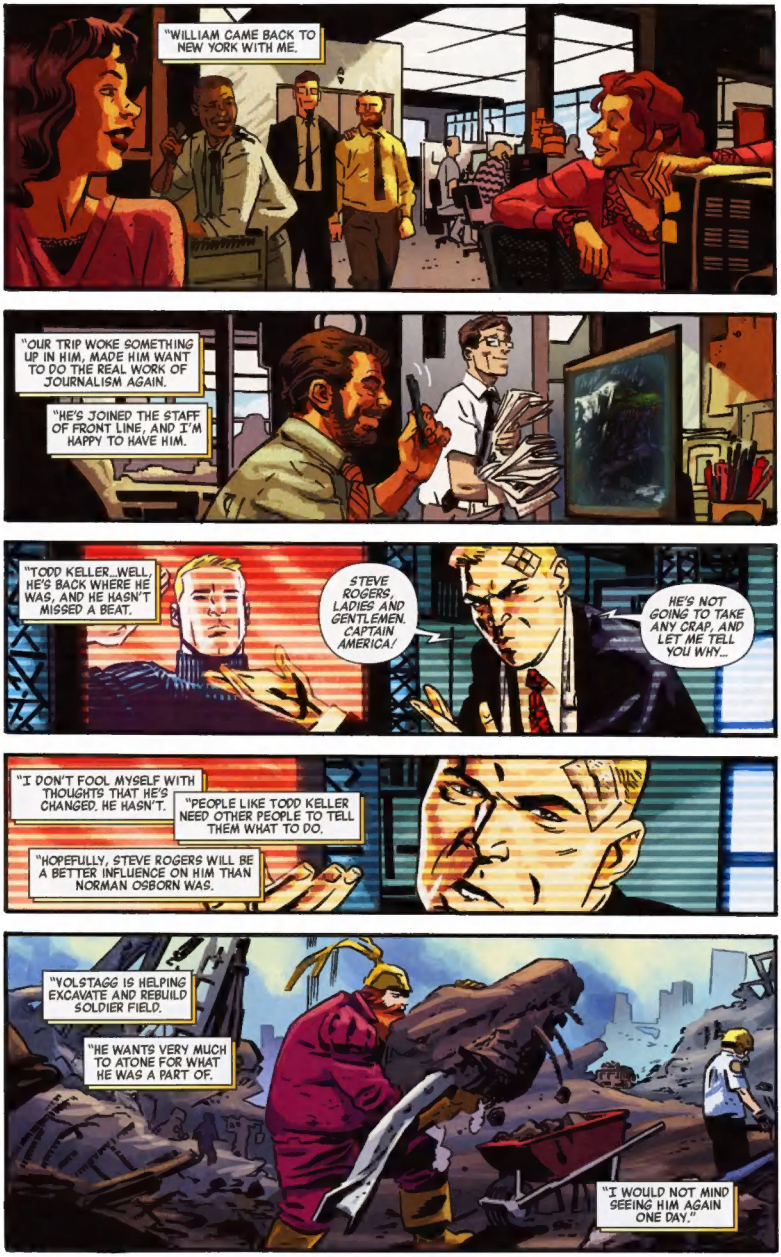
ANYONE WHO IS CAPABLE, PLEASE HELP GET EVERYONE ELSE FREE!
YES! THAT'S IT! QUICKLY NOW! QUICKLY!
THANK YOU...
I COULD USE YOUR HELP, MISTER KELLER.
THOSE AREN'T PEOPLE, URICH. THOSE ARE ASGARDIANS.
THEY LIKE TO CALL THEMSELVES GODS, REMEMBER?
LET THEM GOD THEIR WAY OUT OF--
YOU SONOFA--
KRAK
UNFF
OW! DAMMIT! OW!
YOU! HOW DARE YOU--

COME ON! WE NEED TO GET THESE PEOPLE OUT OF HERE!
THAT'S GOOD! KEEP IT STEADY!
EVERYONE! THIS WAY!
HURRY! THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME!

THE REAL STORY IS OVER THERE, WILLIAM.
"THE WORLD CHANGED IN BROXTON, OKLAHOMA.
"NORMAN OSBORN'S DARK REIGN WAS BROUGHT TO AN END, AND THE HEROES WON THE DAY.
"PERHAPS I AM SENTIMENTAL IN MY OLD AGE. BUT THAT IS HOW THE STORY SHOULD ALWAYS END, ISN'T IT?
"DARKNESS GIVING WAY TO LIGHT, CELEBRATIONS ARE HAD, AND THE WORLD MOVES ON--AT PEACE NOW.
"THE AVENGERS--THE REAL, TRUE, HONEST-TO-GOODNESS AVENGERS--ARE TOGETHER AGAIN, AND I FEEL LIKE A CHILD. I AM SO HAPPY TO SEE THEM ALL STANDING SIDE BY SIDE.
"THE SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT, WHICH TORE THE HERO COMMUNITY APART AND ALLOWED OSBORN'S RISE TO POWER, HAS BEEN REPEALED.
"TRULY, A NEW HEROIC AGE IS BEGINNING."

I HOPE IT IS FOR THE BEST, THAT THE DARKNESS IS BEHIND US--
AND...THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT, DORIS.
DORIS ULRICH
- LOVING WIFE
CAN YOU BELIEVE I HAVE WRITER'S BLOCK BECAUSE I'M IN TOO GOOD A MOOD?
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOREVER, I FEEL LIKE THERE'S A FUTURE--
--AND MAYBE EVEN A GOOD ONE--
--AHEAD OF US ALL.
THINGS ARE GETTING BETTER, AND I FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING BETTER WITH THEM.


"WILLIAM CAME BACK TO NEW YORK WITH ME.
"OUR TRIP WOKE SOMETHING UP IN HIM, MADE HIM WANT TO DO THE REAL WORK OF JOURNALISM AGAIN.
"HE'S JOINED THE STAFF OF FRONT LINE, AND I'M HAPPY TO HAVE HIM.
"TODD KELLER...WELL, HE'S BACK WHERE HE WAS, AND HE HASN'T MISSED A BEAT.
STEVE ROGERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. CAPTAIN AMERICA!
HE'S NOT GOING TO TAKE ANY CRAP, AND LET ME TELL YOU WHY...
"I DON'T FOOL MYSELF WITH THOUGHTS THAT HE'S CHANGED. HE HASN'T.
"PEOPLE LIKE TODD KELLER NEED OTHER PEOPLE TO TELL THEM WHAT TO DO.
"HOPEFULLY, STEVE ROGERS WILL BE A BETTER INFLUENCE ON HIM THAN NORMAN OSBORN WAS.
"VOLSTAGG IS HELPING EXCAVATE AND REBUILD SOLDIER FIELD.
"HE WANTS VERY MUCH TO ATONE FOR WHAT HE WAS A PART OF.
"I WOULD NOT MIND SEEING HIM AGAIN ONE DAY."

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"ALWAYS ANOTHER CHANGE WE DON'T SEE COMING, AND ANOTHER CHAPTER OF THE STORY TO BE TOLD.
"I'M EXCITED TO SEE WHAT'S COMING IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
"I THINK WE ALL ARE."
THE END.